

12. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

12.1 General

An Environmental Assessment (EA) of the potential impacts of developing the Zilwaukee Township Site, West of Saginaw River, into a Dredged Material Disposal Facility, has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA, which is attached to this document, indicates that no significant cumulative or long-term adverse environmental effects would be expected to result from development of the Zilwaukee Township Site, West of Saginaw River, into a Dredged Material Disposal Facility.

The EA is available to the public for a 30-day review period. Following this period and a review of the comments received, a final determination will be made by the District Engineer regarding the necessity of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed development of the Zilwaukee Township Site, West of Saginaw River, into a Dredged Material Disposal Facility. Based on the conclusions of the EA, it appears that preparation of an EIS will not be required and the NEPA process will culminate in the signing of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).